

FRANCE FACING A CRISIS.

ANARCHISTIC OUTRAGES ARE EXPECTED ON MAY DAY.

Clemenceau's Policy to Be Put to a Severe Test—Resort to Military Force Bound to Result in Bloodshed in the Disturbed Districts—Government Ready.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, April 21.—It is no longer possible to doubt that the next few days will involve a serious crisis in the domestic affairs of France. The industrial agitation is fast assuming revolutionary tendencies and the problem before the Government has reached a grave phase, which those in authority fully recognize.

M. Clemenceau's policy of moderation and pacification, though wisely adopted, is proving a failure and must soon give place to sterner measures. The ignorant population, which, especially in the north, interpreted it as weakness will soon learn its mistake. The news of riotous demonstrations multiplies daily and a change to severe repression cannot be much longer delayed.

The resort to military force, which will now inevitably be accompanied by serious bloodshed, involves perils to the Government, of which the Ministers are fully aware. They are disturbed also by information that May Day may be marked by ugly anarchistic outrages designed to terrorize the population. Every preparation is being made for the dangers which are expected to culminate on that day. The political opponents of the Cabinet are urging the Government to suppress disorder by the ruthless use of troops. The design obviously is to render the Government unpopular on the eve of the election, which will begin on the 8th of next month. The dilemma of the Sarrien Ministry is therefore most difficult, and it will require all of M. Clemenceau's great ability to carry the ship of state safely through the storm.

Elaborate preparations have been made to meet every emergency with firmness, but without excessive zeal. Thus far M. Clemenceau's bold, sympathetic efforts to calm the agitation have been without effect. The next few days will put to the severest test all his qualities of courage and statesmanship.

GREAT LOSS IN ONE MAN'S DEATH.

Killing of Prof. Curie a Disaster to the Scientific World.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, April 21.—The stupendous tragedy in western America which has held the world in awe for the past week has made such an absorbing claim on the public interest and imagination that the sudden end of the career of Pierre Curie, the co-discoverer with his talented wife of the wonderful element of radium, has been almost overlooked. Yet the opinion may be hazarded without the least derogation from the claims of the San Francisco drama upon human sympathy that the premature death of the simple lived, retiring scientist who was killed by a foolish break of fate in a Paris street, was an event of greater actual importance to humanity than the terrors which convulsed a comparatively small section of the world's population on the Pacific coast.

One need only recall some of the possibilities to which the possession of the new element opened the way to realize the loss to the world of one of the pair of master minds which brought it to light. The potential aid of radium in combating cancer alone conceivably compensates for the broad human viewpoint the tragedy of any war, earthquake or fire.

Nothing is known at the moment of the work on which Dr. Curie was actually engaged at the time of his death, but his unremitting devotion to science and his dispassionate of all public distinction and social distractions had led the scientific world to look to him and his wife to lead the way to further epoch-making discoveries. It was characteristic of the man that he refused the decoration of the Legion of Honor as useless, that when he had obtained some few decigrammes of radium he rejected a rich man's offer of half a million francs for them because he wanted the precious stuff to work upon and that he only accepted the Nobel prize and certain subventions so that he might consecrate the money to further research. When he accepted the professor's chair at the Sorbonne in 1905 it was on condition of having a laboratory furnished there where he could continue his labors in company with his wife. It is a coincidence that the Ministry of Public Instruction issued official documents relative to the erection of this laboratory on the same day that Prof. Curie was killed.

It is interesting to note that Prof. Curie as a boy seemed so stupid at school that his parents withdrew him and put him under a private tutor. All through his years of study, including the final preparations for the arts degree, he was hampered by the necessity of studying uncongenial subjects. It was only when he was free to follow his natural bent that his powers were manifested.

It is not surprising to learn that Prof. Curie was generally so absorbed mentally that he was unaware of happenings around him. There is no doubt that his untimely death can be ascribed to this.

While crossing the street in front of a cab which an ordinary man would have passed behind, he suddenly became aware of his danger and ran into a pair of horses drawing a dray, which he apparently did not see, and fell beneath the wheels of the dray.

Prof. Curie's devoted laboratory assistant, on viewing the body at the police office, said tearfully: "I knew my dear master would be killed some day. He was very imprudent and was constantly dreaming when walking the streets."

CHANCE TO BREAK RECORD DIVE.

Prof. Hill's Experiments Show Possibility of Going Down More Than 200 Feet.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, April 21.—The Royal Society has just issued a report of interesting experiments by Prof. L. E. Hill and the younger scientist, M. Greenwood, with a view of ascertaining the effects of compressed air on the human system. Besides throwing light on obscure points in physiology, the experiments will have a practical result in the direction of enabling greater depths of water to be reached by divers than heretofore.

It has been well known that it was impossible for divers to go below a certain depth owing to the necessity of compressing air within the diving dress to resist the pressure of the water. Few divers have ever reached 170 feet. The record dive is 204 feet, but it killed the diver. Until a method superior to the present one is invented, heaps of buried treasures which are known to be lying in spots on the ocean bed cannot be recovered.

The experiments of Messrs. Hill and Greenwood seem to open the way. They tried the effects of compressed air on themselves, using a specially made steel cylinder

Lord & Taylor

Announce for Monday

An Exceptional Offering of

Women's High Class

Fancy Tailored Gowns,

consisting of the following:—

Rajah Silk Suits in fancy Eton effects, new Spring and Summer shades.

Imported Voile Suits, exclusive models, entre suits made over taffeta, in delicate pastel shades and black.

Imported Wool Fabrics in checks, stripes and mixtures, reproductions from imported models.

Novelty Silk Suits of taffeta, Tussah or check silks, in smart Eton styles.

This sale consists of about 150 Suits, all very high class and exclusive styles, and only one or two of a style, so that a purchaser can be assured of an individual garment, and at the price quoted it is positively the greatest offering of high class suits ever made.

Also An Offering of Women's Coats & Wraps,

consisting of Chiffon Broadcloths, Silks, Pongees, Rajahs and Laces.

These Garments are suitable for Street, Reception and Evening Wear.

The original prices were \$40.00 to \$125.00;

The Present Prices are

\$25.00 to \$75.00.

(Broadway and Twentieth St., Fifth Ave., Nineteenth St.)

Two Special Sales

in

Upholstery Department.

Lace Curtains,

900 pairs at \$6.00 pair, reduced from \$8.00, \$8.50 & \$9.00 pair.

This lot comprises Renaissance, Marie Antoinette, Brussels, Tambour, Irish Point, Arabian, Antique, Florentine and Cluny Laces.

Door Portieres,

550 pairs at \$6.00 pair, reduced from \$7.50 & \$8.50 pair.

This lot comprises Border d'Armes, Mercerized, Orientals, Gobelins and Duplex in all the prevailing colors.

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Broadway and Twentieth St., Fifth Ave., Nineteenth St.)

Lord & Taylor

offer

Summer Floor Coverings

At Attractive Prices,

Beginning Monday, April 23rd,

and continuing throughout the week.

Recent Large Purchases

have resulted from the established fact that we are invariably in a position, no matter how large the quantity, to take advantage of the extraordinary low prices of large overstocked foreign and domestic manufacturers. Hence the

City or Country Home

for which you are seeking appropriate Summer Floor Coverings, can now be most attractively supplied under Money Saving Conditions of a Most Unusual Character.

China and Japanese Mattings.

1500 rolls of these excellent Summer Floor Coverings in a wide range of figures and colorings; regularly sold at \$9.00 and \$12.00 per roll, we mark them this week,

\$5.50 \$6.50, \$7.50 & \$8.50.

Oshkosh & Crex Grass

Carpets & Rugs

in artistic designs and colorings.

Kashmir Rugs

in appropriate color shades for Summer Furnishings, unusually handsome designs—all sizes.

East India Moody

& Mourzouk Mats,

especially desirable for veranda service.

Domestic Rugs

of every conceivable weave, style and colorings, especially adapted to Summer furnishings.

Special Rug Offering.

350 Fine Antique Mousouls,

regularly sold at \$15.00 to \$25.00, will be sold this week at \$10.50, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$16.50 & \$18.00.

The attention of those desiring carpets is directed to the exceptionally choice lines being displayed in the following standard weaves.

Wiltons,

formerly \$2.25 per yd., at \$1.50 & \$1.65 yd.

Wilton Velvets,

formerly \$1.50 per yd., at \$1.15 yd.

Body Brussels,

formerly \$1.50 per yd., at \$1.12½ yd.

Axminsters,

formerly \$1.35 to \$1.50 yd., at 85c. & 97½c. yd.

Broadway and Twentieth St., Fifth Ave., Nineteenth St.

Lord & Taylor

Shoe Department.

Women's Seasonable Shoes.

We direct attention to the following smart makes of Women's stylish footwear which are exclusive to this house:—

The "Princess":—A stylish, semi-dress shoe, with either Cuban or Louis XV. heels. Seven distinct models shown in many fashionable shades of fine leathers. Also to order to match the color of any costume.

The "Unique":—An entirely new model in women's shoes for street wear. Built on the Colonial order, it is about midway between a pump and an Oxford. Cool and extremely dressy. Comes in Patent Leather or Black Undressed Kid.

A Fashionable Novelty:—Imported Stripe Linen Sailor Tie or Walking Pump, with bow to match stripe. We display this innovation in seven desirable colors.

Special for Monday.

Sale of Women's Walking Pumps,

Gibson Ties, Sailor Ties & Oxfords

in white calf, white canvas, mat kid and patent leather; welled \$3.45 or turn soles; regular \$5 values;

Broadway and Twentieth St., Fifth Ave., Nineteenth St.

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Silk Department

For Evening and Wedding Gowns, we are displaying many rare and high grade silks, including Fancy Chiffon and Mousseline de Soie, in beautiful flowered effects; Duchesse Satin of superior quality and Priced Silks in well chosen patterns, confined exclusively to this establishment for New York city.

SALE OF SILK REMNANTS.

An accumulation of many hundred ends of desirable plain and fancy Silks, including Chiffon and Mousseline de Soie, all to be sold at 50c a yard Values 75c. and \$1.00.

DRESS GOODS DEPT.

3,800 yards of WHITE BUTCHER (PURE) LINEN, specially appropriate for ladies' and misses' shirt waist suits or separate waists and skirts; excellent quality, 36 inches wide. Regular 50c. value,

at 32c a yard.

Also

3,500 yards NATURAL GLASS LINEN SUITINGS, strong and very desirable for summer coats and suits, 31 inches wide.

Special at 19c a yard.

500 yards ALL WOOL FRENCH VOILE, ivory and black, chiffon weight, at 63c a yard

WASH GOODS DEPT.

An Exceptional Offering of

Imported & Domestic

DRESS FABRICS & SHIRTINGS

Scotch Zephyrs—10,000 yards, large assortment of plain colors, shepherd checks, broken plaids, plain and fancy stripes, Scotch plaids in green and red effects, at

25c, 35c, 40c and 45c yard.

Important Offering for Monday.

American Printed Batiste and Percales

15,000 yards, best quality, large variety of the newest designs and colorings, including Polka Dots, Figures, Plain and Fancy Stripes and Floral Designs in blue, pink and heliotrope.

Special value at 11c yard.

WHITE GOODS DEPT.

Special Sale of

500 pieces of FINE LONG CLOTH, 12 yds. each.

Value \$1.25, at 95c

This is an opportunity rarely offered in such desirable merchandise.

A Special Importation of

Fine Irish Satin

Damask Table Cloths and Napkins.

Table Cloths.

2x2 yds., \$3.45 and \$4.30; 2½x2½ yds., \$4.50 and \$5.35; regular value \$5 and \$6. 2x2½ yds., \$4.35 and \$5.35; 2½x2½ yds., \$5.35 and \$6.35; regular value \$6.25 and \$7.50. 2x3 yds., \$5.20 and \$6.40; 2½x3 yds., \$6.40 and \$7.50; regular value \$7.50 and \$9.00.

Napkins to Match.

Dinner Size

Regular value \$7.25 and \$9.00, at

\$4.90 & 6.35 doz.

Also a very important sale of

LINEN SHEETS,

PILLOW CASES

AND TOWELS

at greatly reduced prices.

Foreign and Domestic Steamer Rugs

at decidedly less than regular prices.

\$3.95, 4.75, 7.50 & 9.50

regularly \$5.00, \$6.00, \$9.75 and \$12.00.

Sale of

MEN'S PAJAMAS.

Made of printed and woven Madras, Military model, in plain blue, tan, gray, white corded Madras and white ground Madras with neat figures and stripes. \$1.00

MEN'S UNDERWEAR

for Spring & Summer

Merino, light and medium weight, Sleeveless Shirts, India gauze, Lisle white or natural, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 thread and Silk and Lisle, 75c., \$1.00, \$1.50 Imported Balbriggan Shirts, with 75c., 85c., \$1.00, \$1.50 regular or short sleeves, drawers with regular or short in seams, 50c., 85c., \$1.00

Broadway and 20th St., 5th Av., 19th St.

AMERICAN ARTIST SCORES.

Max Boehm of Cleveland Wins the Place of Honor in the New Gallery Show.

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LONDON, April 21.—To-day fashionable society attended a private view of the nineteenth summer exhibition of the New Gallery. Six hundred and thirty-two works represent the industry of 370 artists. Several Americans assist in raising the average quality, one, Max Boehm of Cleveland, Ohio, scoring his first London success. His important work, "Golden Hours," formed the centerpiece of the wall of the chief room. It is a group of a mother and her two boys playing with cherries.

TROOPS ATTACK STRIKERS.

Clash With French Miners Results in the Wounding of Forty.

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PARIS, April 21.—Six thousand coal mine strikers, on their way to St. Denain to induce the men there to join in the strike, were charged to-day by the cavalry with drawn swords. A captain of dragoons and some of the strikers were wounded.

HOPE KING WILL VISIT CANADA.

Dominion's Invitation Makes Trip Seem a Probability.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, April 21.—Canada's invitation to King Edward to visit that country is attracting much attention. Until the formalities are completed and the invitation is submitted to the King, nothing of course can be obtained here. His Majesty is still touring the Mediterranean and is now at Athens.

The newspapers point out that one of the chief obstacles to the acceptance of the invitation would be the risk of offending other colonies, especially Australia, if the trip were confined to Canada, but it is most improbable that King Edward will now undertake a trip to the Antipodes. Prominent Australians in London believe their countrymen, although they might be envious, would not be aggrieved if he favored Canada alone and this view encourages the Canadians here to hope that his Majesty will accept.